



A Personal Word From the President/CEO

I want to thank you for your faithful support to this ministry and ask for your prayers as we face some huge challenges this summer.

The need for our services has been nearly overwhelming. While we don't want to turn away anyone who comes to us, the need for shelter and care is increasing...making our available space tighter and tighter.

There are more men, women and families in Indianapolis unable to find long-term work or housing.

With your support, I know that we will continue to meet the expanded needs of our city. It may be a challenge to find room in our existing space, as our resources are stretched thin; but it's easy to find room in our hearts for every person who needs us.

Through God, all things are possible. So I humbly ask for your prayers, for guidance and wisdom as we seek His direction about how to meet this increased need in our community.

Rick Alvis
President/CEO

"My life had been miserable for so long..."

In his teenage years, Mike's anger about his absent father turned into using drugs and drinking too much, trying to numb his hurt. Or as he says, "I was just lost, looking for something."

As an adult, he married and started his own family...but tragically, he lost his infant daughter and his wife within a year of each other.

Left alone, Mike was devastated and plunged back into a wild lifestyle. **"I had nothing left to live for,"** he says sadly.

By 45, he felt beaten down by life and out of options. "My life had been miserable for so long." Mike fell deeper into alcohol and drugs to ease his depression, which only made him feel worse. "Addiction is really easy, but it will wreck your life."

Mike remembers the night when his life began to change. A couple driving by saw him outside, in the cold, and offered him a meal and bed for the night so he wouldn't freeze. "They showed me grace," he says. "And they encouraged me to go to Wheeler Mission."

Though he'd never heard of the Mission, Mike agreed to come to our Men's Emergency Shelter. As he thought about his next steps, "I kept hearing this word 'Hebron.'" When Mike learned it was a long-term recovery program, he knew it was just



what he needed and joined our Hebron Addiction Recovery program.

It was here that Mike encountered the Lord for the first time in his life. "God was always the one you asked to get you out of trouble, but it was never a relationship. **Today, I'm building a relationship with the Lord.**"

He's also started to repair the relationship with his father who he hadn't talked to for over 30 years!

Now, as a graduate of Hebron and our Servant Leadership Training program, Mike has left the Mission and has found a job. "It is truly a blessing. I thank God for bring me here and guiding me through these doors."

Homeless Shelters • Residential Programs • Addiction Recovery • For Men and Women

YES, I'll help the Mission provide food, shelter and care this summer and beyond.



Here's my gift:

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Make This the Month YOU Make a Difference!

Are you interested in volunteering in a more hands-on way with guests and residents?



Come to Wheeler 101 – a special program for volunteers who are interested in serving our guests. You'll learn more about all the ways you or your group can help out here at the Mission and how to get the most out of your volunteer experience.

For more information or to register for a Wheeler 101, please visit WheelerMission.org.

Did you know...

...95% of the women who stay at the Center for Women & Children have been abused at some point in their lives.

The Mission's Center for Women & Children offers a **physical, emotional and spiritual haven** in a secure setting.



Visit Us Online!

Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at WheelerMission.org.

Join Us



Bill Gaither LIVE!

On Saturday, November 30, the incredible Bill Gaither (of the Bill Gaither Trio & Gaither Vocal Band) will perform a concert to benefit the Mission and help us meet our growing needs.

Tickets are sure to go fast, so make your reservation today online at gaither.com.

See you there!



Smart Savings, Great Bargains

Cleaning out the garage? Finished with your garage sale? Wheeler Mission will take your donations!



Our Thrift Store sells new and gently used clothes and household items at extremely discounted prices.

All proceeds benefit the Mission and its wide range of programs and services. Donations can be dropped off at 2730 S. Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Call (317) 635-3575 or visit WheelerMission.org for more information. Thank you!

Summer Needs

Men's Clothing (M-3X)
Women's Clothing (M-3X)
Flip flops/shower shoes
(all sizes)
Lightweight coats, jackets,
and rain ponchos
(especially larger sizes)
Pajamas (M-3X)
Pantyhose (black, taupe,
suntan - M-Queen)

Children's Clothing (all sizes)
Bath towels/washcloths
Linens
Hygiene items (deodorant,
lotion, etc.)
Notebooks & paper (college
or wide-ruled)
Pens & highlighters
Diapers (all sizes)

Donations can be dropped off at the Wheeler Mission Men's Residential Center at 245 N. Delaware St., 8 a.m.-7 p.m., 7 days a week. Please call Milton at (317) 635-3575 or visit www.WheelerMission.org for more information.

True or False: Hunger & Homelessness Decrease During Summer

A: FALSE! Even during summer, we are seeing more and more homeless, hungry people: people who need emergency meals and shelter. Others who are seeking refuge from the heat and humidity. And so many more need long-term solutions that will get them back on their feet.

Because the need for food and shelter just keeps increasing, **we're often faced with having to turn away men, women and children purely for capacity reasons.**

So we're turning to you to help all those coming through our doors this summer...especially as we prepare to serve 81,250 meals and provide 31,250 nights of safe shelter. All in the next 90 days!

You can feed those who are hungry and provide shelter for those who are without homes by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope today. Or donate securely online at WheelerMission.org.

Together, we can make this a life-changing summer for everyone who comes to our doors in need. Thank you!